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Applicants hereby inquire as to the status of the above-identified patent application that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 2, 2003. To date, Applicant has not received an Office Action. Please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

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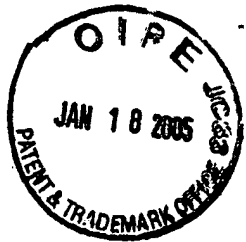
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1. Request for Status Inquiry of Pending Patent Application; and
2. Return Post Card.

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